

Young Adults and the Transition from MHLA to Medi-Cal

October 31, 2019

Full-Scope Medi-Cal Expansion for MHLA Participants Ages 19-25

- California governor approved the expansion of Medi-Cal to eligible individuals, ages 19-25, regardless of citizenship or immigration status.
- Effective January 1, 2020, young adults ages 19-25 will be eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits.
- Approximately 3,000 young adults are currently enrolled in MHLA and will transition to Medi-Cal.

List to CPs on young adults transitioning to Medi-Cal

- Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) provided a list to program office to identify MHLA young adults enrolled in restricted Medi-Cal. About one-third are already on restricted Medi-Cal.
- List went out to all CPs in late September to identify those young adults who were/weren't enrolled in restricted Medi-Cal at that time.
- Please enroll MHLA participants in restricted Medi-Cal before December 31, 2019. If you can't enroll directly please refer them to DPSS so they can apply.

Letters to notify MHLA participants about the transition

- First Letter (November): Program office will mail letter to participants informing them that:
 - Effective January 1, 2020, they will be eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal.
 - They should apply for restricted Medi-Cal by December 31, 2019.
- Second Letter (early January): Program office will mail letter to participants informing them that:
 - They are currently still enrolled in MHLA.
 - They are now eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal and will not be able to renew in MHLA.
 - On March 31, 2020, all young adults will be disenrolled from MHLA.
- Please communicate to patients about the change from MHLA to full-scope Medi-Cal.

Disenrollment

- Effective January 1, 2020, individuals between the ages 19-25 will no longer be eligible for MHLA.
- Once participant is enrolled in full-scope Medi-Cal, they will be disenrolled from MHLA.
- By March 31, 2020, all young adults (age 19-25) will be disenrolled from MHLA.
- They won't be eligible for MHLA dental benefits.

Update Age Requirement in all of MHLA Materials

- Effective January 1, 2020, the age requirement in One-e-App will be changed to 26 years and older.
- All MHLA written and online materials will be updated with new age requirement.
- Participant handbook will be updated too.
- Make sure to update all clinic internal materials with new age requirement.

Contract Change to Update Age Eligibility

- Contracts and Grants (C&G) will be distributing the amendment regarding changes in December.
 - Please make sure to sign and submit to C&G
- Provider Information Notice (PIN) 19-03 was sent to CPs on October 25, 2019 regarding changes. You can find PIN in MHLA website.

Future

- Please continue to encourage MHLA participants to enroll in restricted Medi-Cal.
- In 2020 possibly expansion of Medi-Cal for elderly population.

Questions???

